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See below.

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Jeff,

Yes, April 9, 2009 was the date the site was finalized on the NPL. Correct.

The site (the original site didn't include the residential area) was an operating facility to the south. It went RCRA because the site was still operating. When operations stopped the site was came back to the SF program. Marcy or Leo can you verify? That is our

understanding as well. Also, at this point, we had some info indicating off-site contamination.

Regarding the 2006 removals. Superfund's first removal action was in 2008. Perhaps, RCRA also conducted removal actions as early as 2006. Marcy or Leo, any insight? I do not have enough knowledge of the specific site history to answer that. I called Michael Berkoff to ask him, and he will be responding to this question. He has the best knowledge of the site history, I think.

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**Subject:** Questions from the NY Times

**Importance:** High

Can you guys quickly answer these questions from the NY Times?

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**Subject:** Fwd: few more things, on deadline

Can you guys help get quick clarification on these? For the second one, I believe Bob gave that explanation when he spoke with her last week, so he may be able to provide.

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Hi Monica,

The story might post in the next few hours so I'm hoping you can answer these ASAP.

It's correct to say the USS Lead site was designated a Superfund site in 2009, right? (In other words, it was designated a Superfund site and put on the national priorities list at the same time... one didn't happen before the other, correct?)

Also, why didn't the initial attempt to get Superfund status for the site work out? Did EPA decide to go the RCRA route instead, and if so why?

Also, I was reading the ATSDR report from 2011 again last night and it mentions that "the community to the north of the site has had several sampling events and a removal action in 2006" It then talks about EPA overseeing soil removal "at 14 properties in the downwind neighborhood" in 2006. Was that at West Calumet Housing Complex, or elsewhere? Because Bob told me EPA first did soil removals at "hotspots" at West Calumet in 2008, and again in 2011.

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